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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
DAVID LEE GINES : Examiner:
ORIGINAL SERIAL NO.: :
ORIGINAL FILING: : Art Unit:
FOR: ELECTROSURGICAL GENERATOR :
WITH ADAPTIVE POWER CONTROL :

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sirs:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant(s) herein makes available to the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of PTO-FB-A820 which lists the following references cited by the applicant(s), copies of which are enclosed.

Vallfors and Bergdahl, "Automatically Controlled Bipolar Electrocoagulation," Neurosurgical Review, 7:2-3, pp. 187-190, 1984
Bergdahl and Vallfors, "Studies on Coagulation and the Development of an Automatic Computerized Bipolar Coagulator," Journal of Neurosurgery, 75:1, 148-151, July, 1991
U.S. 5,540,684
U.S. 4,191,188
U.S. 5,472,443

The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of the above-identified application in accord with 37 CFR 1.104(a). It is believed the Examiner will concur with applicant's belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the foregoing references.

Vallfors and Bergdahl's article, "Automatically Controlled Bipolar Electrocoagulation," Neurosurgical Review, 7:2-3, pp. 187-190, 1984 discusses dynamic variations of impedance of tissue;

Bergdahl and Vallfors' article, "Studies on Coagulation and the Development of an Automatic Computerized Bipolar Coagulator," Journal of Neurosurgery, 75:1, 148-151, July 1991 discusses the impedance behavior of tissue and its application to electrosurgical vessel sealing.

U.S. 5,540,684 discloses a method and apparatus for electrosurgically treating tissue in a manner similar to the disclosures of Vallfors and Bergdahl.

U.S. 4,191,188 discloses a variable crest factor electrosurgical generator.

U.S. 5,472,443 discloses the variation of tissue impedance with temperature.

It is requested that the references listed on the attached form PTO-FB-A820 be included in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this application (M.P.E.P. 1302.12). A prompt and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

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